

Amendments to the Claims:

Please replace all prior claims with this listing of claims:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-78 (canceled).

Claim 79 (previously presented). The handle of claim 101 including:

- (a). a second external flange, integral with said first piece of integral material, extending outwardly from said second side wall in a second direction away from said channel, said second external flange including a first leaf spring that is an integral part of said first piece of integral material; and
- (b). a second side scale, separate from and not an integral part of said first piece of integral material, secured to said frame member adjacent to said second external flange such that said second side wall, said second external flange, and said second side scale define a second external pocket.

Claim 80 (previously presented). The handle of claim 79 wherein said internal pocket faces in a third direction and said first and second external pockets face in a fourth direction substantially opposite to said third direction.

Claim 81 (previously presented). The handle of claim 101 wherein said first leaf spring is defined by only one cut in said first piece of integral material.

Claim 82 (previously presented). The handle of claim 81 wherein said cut is located substantially in said first sidewall.

Claim 83 (previously presented). The handle of claim 82 wherein said cut is straight.

Claim 84 (previously presented). The handle of claim 82 wherein said cut is parallel to said first external flange.

Claim 85 (previously presented). The handle of claim 79 wherein said first leaf spring of said second external flange is defined by only one cut in said first piece of integral material.

Claim 86 (previously presented). The handle of claim 85 wherein said cut is straight and parallel to said second external flange.

Claim 87 (previously presented). The handle of claim 101 including an independent spring, separate from and not an integral part of said first piece of integral material, arranged in said internal pocket.

Claims 88-100 (canceled).

Claim 101 (previously presented). A handle for a folding tool comprising:

- (a). a first piece of integral material defining only one integral channel, said channel including first and second opposed side walls and a channel floor defining an internal pocket, said channel further including a first external flange, integral with said first piece of integral material, extending outwardly from said first side wall in a first direction away from said channel, said first external flange including a first leaf spring also integral with said first piece of material; and
- (b). a first side scale, separate from and not an integral part of said first piece of integral material, said first side scale secured to said channel adjacent to said first external flange such that said first side wall, said first external flange and said first side scale define a first external pocket.

Claim 102 (previously presented). The handle of claim 101 wherein said first piece of integral material is sheet metal.

Claim 103 (currently amended). The handle of claim 101 wherein said first side scale is consists of a second piece of integral material.

Claim 104 (previously presented). The handle of claim 87 further including a first tool bit positioned in said internal pocket, said independent spring positioned in said pocket so as to bear upon said first tool bit.

Claim 105 (previously presented). The handle of claim 104 wherein said first tool bit is a scissors blade.

Claim 106 (previously presented). The handle of claim 104 wherein said first tool bit is a pliers jaw.

Claims 107-110 canceled.